

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Present Application:**

Applicant : Jason B. Elledge  
Attorney Docket No. : 500188.03  
Filed : Concurrently herewith  
Title : APPARATUS FOR IN-SITU OPTICAL ENDPOINTING ON WEB-FORMAT  
PLANARIZING MACHINES IN MECHANICAL OR CHEMICAL-  
MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF MICROELECTRONIC-DEVICE  
SUBSTRATE ASSEMBLIES AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING  
SAME

**Prior Application:**

Examiner : Willie Berry, Jr.  
Art Unit : 3723  
Serial No. : 09/300,358

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box Patent Application  
Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field"  
as follows:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of pending United States Patent Application  
No. 09/300,358, filed April 26, 1999. --

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-45.

Respectfully submitted,

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